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Birds of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest: A Checklist

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Using the Checklist

The columns following the name of each species are intended to help the birder with identification.

The **Residency** column lists the time of year the species normally appears in the checklist area.

S - Summer

W - Winter

P - Permanent Resident

M - Migratory

Abundancy refers to how numerous the species is in relation to other species.

C - Common

F - Fairly Common

U - Uncommon

R - Rare

H - Hypothetical

The remaining categories describe the habitat(s) where one is most likely to encounter each species.



Water Fowl

__ Common Loon	W	U	•						
__ Pied-bill Grebe	P	C	•						
__ Horned Grebe	M	R	•						
__ Eared Grebe	W	F	•						
__ Western Grebe	W	U	•						
__ American Coot	P	C	•						
__ Double-crested Cormorant	S	F	•						
__ American Bittern	S	H	•	•					
__ Great Blue Heron	P	C	•	•					
__ Great Egret	M	U	•	•					
__ Snowy Egret	M	U	•	•					
__ Cattle Egret	M	R	•	•					
__ Green-backed Heron	S	U	•	•					
__ Black-crowned Night Heron	S	U	•	•					
__ White-faced Ibis	M	F	•	•					
__ Tundra Swan	W	U	•						
__ Canada Goose	P	C	•						
__ Green-winged Teal	W	C	•	•					
__ Mallard	P	C	•	•					
__ Northern Pintail	P	F	•						
__ Blue-winged Teal	P	U	•						
__ Cinnamon Teal	P	C	•						
__ Northern Shoveler	W	C	•						
__ Gadwall	P	F	•						
__ American Wigeon	W	F	•						
__ Canvasback	W	F	•						
__ Redhead	P	F	•						
__ Ring-necked Duck	P	C	•						
__ Greater Scaup	M	R	•						
__ Lesser Scaup	W	F	•						
__ Common Golden-eye	W	U	•						
__ Bufflehead	W	C	•						
__ Hooded Merganser	W	R	•						
__ Common Merganser	P	F	•	•					
__ Ruddy Duck	P	F	•						

Birds of Prey

__ Turkey Vulture	S	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
__ Osprey	S	F	•	•					
__ Bald Eagle	W	F	•	•	•	•	•	•	

	Residency	Abundance	Aquatic	Riparian	Desert Scrub	Grassland	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa	Mixed Conifer	Spruce-Fir
__ Northern Harrier	P	F	•	•		•				
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	P	U					•	•	•	•
__ Cooper's Hawk	P	F		•			•	•	•	•
__ Northern Goshawk	P	U		•			•	•	•	•
__ Black-Hawk, Common	M	R		•						
__ Swainson's Hawk	S	R		•	•		•	•		
__ Zone-tailed Hawk	S	R		•	•	•		•		
__ Red-tailed Hawk	P	C		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
__ Ferruginous Hawk	P	U			•	•	•			
__ Rough-legged Hawk	P	U			•	•	•			
__ Golden Eagle	P	U			•	•	•	•	•	•
__ American Kestrel	P	C		•	•	•	•	•	•	
__ Merlin	W	R	•	•		•				
__ Peregrine Falcon	P	R	•	•	•	•				

Gamebirds

__ Blue Grouse	P	U							•	•
__ Wild Turkey	P	F		•			•	•	•	•
__ Montezuma's Quail	P	U			•		•	•	•	
__ Scaled Quail	P	H			•	•				
__ Gambel's Quail	P	F		•	•					

Shore Birds

__ Virginia Rail	P	F	•	•						
__ Sora	P	F	•	•						
__ Semi-palmated Plover	M	R	•	•						
__ Killdeer	P	F	•	•						
__ Black-necked Stilt	M	U	•	•						
__ American Avocet	M	F	•	•						
__ Greater Yellowlegs	M	F	•	•						
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	M	R	•	•						
__ Solitary Sandpiper	M	R	•	•						
__ Spotted Sandpiper	P	F	•	•						
__ Marbled Godwit	M	H	•	•						
__ Western Sandpiper	M	R	•	•						
__ Least Sandpiper	M	U	•	•						
__ Long-billed Dowitcher	M	F	•	•						
__ Common Snipe	P	F	•	•						
__ Wilson's Phalarope	M	F	•	•						
__ Franklin's Gull	M	R	•	•						
__ Ring-billed Gull	M	F	•	•						

	Residency	Abundance	Aquatic	Riparian	Desert Scrub	Grassland	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa	Mixed Conifer	Spruce-Fir
<input type="checkbox"/> California Gull	M	R	•	•						
<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	M	R	•	•						
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	M	R	•	•						
Pigeons, Doves & Cuckoos										
<input type="checkbox"/> Band-tailed Pigeon	S	F						•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	P	C			•	•	•	•		
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick-billed Parrot	M	R						•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Roadrunner	P	U		•	•	•	•			
Owls & Nightjars										
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl, Common	P	R			•	•				
<input type="checkbox"/> Flammulated Owl	S	F						•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Screech-Owl	S	U						•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	P	C			•	•	•	•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pygmy Owl	S	U						•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl	S	R			•	•				
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Owl	P	R						•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl	M	R	•							
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	S	R				•		•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saw-whet Owl, Northern	S	U					•	•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	S	C	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Poorwill	S	U			•		•			
Hummingbirds										
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-throated Hummingbird	S	R						•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-chinned Hummingbird	S	C			•		•	•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Calliope Hummingbird	S	U					•	•		
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-tailed Hummingbird	S	C					•	•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous Hummingbird	S	C					•	•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Anna's Hummingbird	S	U					•			
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnificent Hummingbird	S	U						•	•	
Kingfishers & Woodpeckers										
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	P	F	•	•						
<input type="checkbox"/> Lewis's Woodpecker	P	F					•	•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acorn Woodpecker	P	F						•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-naped Sapsucker	P	F			•		•	•	•	
<input type="checkbox"/> Williamson's Sapsucker	P	F						•	•	•
<input type="checkbox"/> Ladder-backed Woodpecker	P	U		•	•					

	Residency	Abundance	Aquatic	Riparian	Desert Scrub	Grassland	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa	Mixed Conifer	Spruce-Fir
__ Downey Woodpecker	P	U						•	•	•
__ Hairy Woodpecker	P	F					•	•	•	•
__ Three-toed Woodpecker	P	R								•
__ Northern Flicker ("Red-shafted")	P	C			•		•	•	•	•
Flycatchers & Larks										
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	S	F							•	•
__ Western Wood-Pewee	S	C					•	•	•	•
__ Willow Flycatcher	S	U		•			•	•		
__ Dusky Flycatcher	S	U						•		
__ Western Flycatcher	S	F		•				•	•	•
__ Black Phoebe	S	C	•	•						
__ Say's Phoebe	P	C			•	•	•	•	•	
__ Ash-throated Flycatcher	S	U			•	•		•		
__ Cassin's Kingbird	S	F					•	•		
__ Western Kingbird	S	C			•	•	•	•		
__ Horned Lark	P	C				•				
Swallows										
__ Purple Martin	S	U	•	•						
__ Tree Swallow	S	U	•	•						
__ Violet-green Swallow	S	C	•	•				•	•	•
__ N. Rough-winged Swallow	S	C	•	•						
__ Bank Swallow	S	R	•	•						
__ Cliff Swallow	S	R	•	•						
__ Cave Swallow	M	R	•	•						
__ Barn Swallow	S	C		•				•		
Jays & Crows										
__ Gray Jay	S	F							•	•
__ Steller's Jay	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ Scrub Jay	P	C					•	•		
__ Gray-breasted Jay	M	R			•		•	•		
__ Piñon Jay	P	C					•			
__ Clark's Nutcracker	P	F					•		•	•
__ American Crow	P	C					•	•	•	
__ Common Raven	P	C			•	•	•	•	•	•
Chickadees										
__ Black-capped Chickadee	P	U							•	•

	Residency	Abundance	Aquatic	Riparian	Desert Scrub	Grassland	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa	Mixed Conifer	Spruce-Fir
__ Mountain Chickadee	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ Plain Titmouse	P	F					•			
__ Bushtit	P	C			•		•			
Nuthatches & Creepers										
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	P	U					•	•	•	•
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ Pygmy Nuthatch	P	C						•	•	•
__ Brown Creeper	P	F						•	•	•
Wrens										
__ Rock Wren	P	U		•	•					
__ Canyon Wren	P	F		•						
__ Bewick's Wren	P	U			•		•	•	•	
__ House Wren	P	F			•		•	•	•	•
__ Winter Wren	P	R		•					•	
__ Marsh Wren	P	F	•	•						
__ American Dipper	P	U	•	•						
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers										
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	S	R							•	•
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	S	U		•	•		•	•	•	
Bluebirds & Thrushes										
__ Western Bluebird	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ Mountain Bluebird	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ Townsend's Solitaire	P	F		•			•	•	•	•
__ Swainson's Thrush	S	R			•					
__ Hermit Thrush	P	F						•	•	•
__ American Robin	P	C		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
__ Gray Catbird	S	R		•						
__ Northern Mockingbird	S	F					•	•		
__ Sage Thrasher	W	R			•		•			
__ Brown Thrasher	M	R			•		•			
__ Bendire's Thrasher	P	R			•		•			
__ Water Pipit	P	F	•	•		•				
__ Sprague's Pipit	M	R	•	•		•				
__ Phainopepla	S	F		•	•		•			
__ Loggerhead Shrike	P	F			•		•			

	Residency	Abundance	Aquatic	Riparian	Desert Scrub	Grassland	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa	Mixed Conifer	Spruce-Fir
Vireos										
__ Bell's Vireo	M	R		•	•					
__ Solitary Vireo	S	R		•	•			•		
__ Warbling Vireo	S	U		•	•			•		
Warblers										
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	S	F			•		•	•		
__ Nashville Warbler	M	R							•	•
__ Virginia's Warbler	S	F					•	•	•	•
__ Lucy's Warbler	S	U			•					
__ Yellow Warbler	S	F					•	•	•	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	S	C		•	•		•	•	•	•
__ Hermit Warbler	S	U	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
__ Black-throated Gray Warbler	S	F					•	•		
__ Townsend's Warbler	M	R						•	•	•
__ Grace's Warbler	S	F						•	•	•
__ MacGillivray's Warbler	S	U		•			•	•	•	
__ Common Yellowthroat	S	R		•						
__ Wilson's Warbler	S	F		•				•	•	
__ Red-faced Warbler	S	F						•	•	•
__ Painted Redstart	S	U		•						
__ Yellow-breasted Chat	S	R		•						
Tanagers & Grosbeaks										
__ Hepatic Tanager	S	U					•	•		
__ Summer Tanager	S	R		•			•	•	•	
__ Western Tanager	S	C					•	•	•	•
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	M	R					•	•	•	
__ Black-headed Grosbeak	S	F					•	•	•	
__ Blue Grosbeak	S	U		•						
__ Lazuli Bunting	S	U		•						
Towhees										
__ Green-tailed Towhee	S	F			•		•	•		
__ Rufous-sided Towhee	P	F		•			•	•	•	
__ Canyon Towhee	P	U		•			•			

	Residency	Abundance	Aquatic	Riparian	Desert Scrub	Grassland	Piñon-Juniper	Ponderosa	Mixed Conifer	Spruce-Fir
Sparrows & Juncos										
__ Chipping Sparrow	S	C						•	•	
__ Brewer's Sparrow	W	U					•			
__ Vesper Sparrow	P	R			•	•				
__ Lark Sparrow	S	F					•	•		
__ Lark Bunting	M	U				•				
__ Song Sparrow	P	F	•	•			•			
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	M	U		•			•			
__ Swamp Sparrow	W	R	•	•			•			
__ White-throated Sparrow	W	M								
__ White-crowned Sparrow	P	C			•	•	•	•		
__ Harris's Sparrow	W	R					•	•		
Dark-eyed Juncos										
__ "Gray-headed"	P	C					•	•	•	•
__ "Slate-colored"	W	U					•	•		
__ "Oregon"	W	C					•	•	•	
__ "Pink-sided"	W	F					•	•	•	
Blackbirds, Orioles, Etc.										
__ Bobolink	M	R				•				
__ Red-winged Blackbird	P	C	•	•						
__ Eastern Meadowlark	M	R				•				
__ Western Meadowlark	P	C				•	•			
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	S	F	•	•						
__ Brewer's Blackbird	P	C	•	•			•	•		
__ Great-tailed Grackle	P	F	•	•						
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	P	F				•	•	•		
__ Hooded Oriole	S	R	•	•						
__ Northern Oriole ("Bullock's")	S	F					•	•	•	
__ Pine Grosbeak	M	R							•	•
__ Cassin's Finch	P	F					•	•	•	•
__ House Finch	P	C			•		•	•		
__ Red Crossbill	S	U						•	•	•
__ Pine Siskin	P	C					•	•	•	
__ Lesser Goldfinch	P	F			•	•	•	•	•	
__ American Goldfinch	P	R					•			
__ Evening Grosbeak	P	F						•	•	
__ Starling	P	C				•	•	•		
__ House Sparrow	P	C			•	•	•	•		



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If seeing an osprey hover over a clear mountain lake or hearing a mountain chickadee's cheery song is your idea of a great outdoor experience, then this bird list is for you. The wide variety of birds found in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest can provide you many memorable moments. Bird watching is a good way to enjoy your National Forest lands and the knowledge and appreciation that can come from this activity will help you realize what a



treasure these lands are. Please respect the land and the wild things which depend on it. This list is the product of a partnership between the USDA Forest Service and the White Mountain Chapter of the National Audubon Society.

The White Mountain Chapter of Northern Arizona Audubon Society was formed in August 1987 as a result of increased local interest in wildlife.

The group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Navopache Electric Co-Op Crew Room in Lakeside. The meetings and field trips are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

As this checklist is a first draft, we welcome your comments, suggestions, and observations in order to make future editions more accurate.

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